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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 30th September 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

Industrial disputes and lock-outs

* 26 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Karur Mills in Karur has declared a lock-out since 9th September 1955; and

(*b*) if so, whether any conciliation measures have been taken and their result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) On the intervention of the Commissioner of Labour, the management lifted the lock-out on 22nd September 1955.

* 27 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Talayad Rubber Estate No. 704 near Kinalur, Balusseri in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar, has been locked out since 2nd September 1955 without giving notice either to the Government or to the Labour Department or to the workers in violation of existing labour rules;

(*b*) if so, what conciliation measures the Government have taken in the matter;

(*c*) the number of workers that are unemployed on account of the lock-out; and

(*d*) whether the Government have any representation in this connexion from the Kurumbranad Taluk Estate Workers' Union?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) *to* (*d*) A report has been called for from the Commissioner of Labour and it is awaited.